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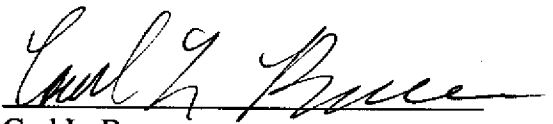
This paper is responsive to the Notification of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief mailed April 19, 2007. The Notification finds the Appeal Brief filed on November 21, 2006, defective for failure to comply with one or more provisions of 37 C.F.R. 41.37. A substitute appeal brief is filed herewith in response to the Notification.

The Notification asserts that the brief does not contain the items required under 37 CFR 41.37(c), or the items are not under the proper heading or in the proper order. The Notification requests that the claims appear underneath the "Claims Appendix" title. In a telephone conference with the Examiner, Appellant requested clarification regarding the alleged defects in the November 2006 Appeal Brief that prompted the mailing of the Notification. The Examiner objected to the four headings at the top of page 8 of the November 2006 Appeal Brief and objected to the "Claims Appendix" heading being on a separate page as the claim listing. Appellant notes that the prior Examiner expressly requested the headings as they appeared on page 8 of the prior Appeal Brief and expressly requested that the "Claims Appendix" heading appear on a separate page. A new substitute Appeal Brief is submitted herewith that fully addresses the Examiner's objections.

Appellant respectfully submits that this Substitute Appeal Brief fully complies with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 41.37 and is in condition for consideration on the merits. Appellant is unaware of any fees due with this submission. However, should the Office determine that fees are due with this paper or the with accompanying brief, please charge any such fees to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

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